

***Raritan Baykeeper, Inc. (d/b/a NY/NJ Baykeeper)
Passaic River Superfund Technical Assistance Grant
(TAG)***

Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)

***Issue Date: Feb. 17, 2014
Submission Deadline: Friday, March 7, 2014, 5:00pm
Request To: Technical Advisors***

A. INTRODUCTION

This Request for Expression of Interest is issued by Raritan Baykeeper, Inc. (d/b/a NY/NJ Baykeeper) (hereinafter "Baykeeper") to seek qualified individuals and/or entities to provide technical assistance on the Passaic River Superfund site. Baykeeper is the recipient of the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the Passaic River Superfund site from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The duration of the TAG is three years, although individuals and/or entities may be contracted on an issue-specific basis depending on the technical expertise needed. Candidates should demonstrate their ability to understand complex, in-water contaminated sites and working with nonprofit organizations and communities, including attending public meetings and site visits.

B. THE OPPORTUNITY

The technical advisor will be engaged by Baykeeper to provide technical assistance on various documents and issues related to the Passaic River Superfund site and to assist the Community Advisory Group (CAG) members and community affected by the Superfund site to gain a better understanding of the technical issues at the site. More information about the Passaic River Superfund site may be found here:

<http://www.epa.gov/region02/passaicriver/>.

Eligible candidates include academic institutions and/or staff, consultants and scientists. The duration of the TAG is three years, although individuals and/or entities may be contracted on an issue-specific basis depending on the technical expertise needed. Candidates should demonstrate their ability to understand complex, in-water contaminated sites and working with nonprofit organizations and communities, including attending public meetings and site visits.

Specific areas of expertise required may include:

- ∞ Review Superfund documents (e.g., proposed cleanup plans, feasibility studies, models, work plans, sampling plans, risk assessments, etc.) and produce comments, presentations and/or "lay-person"-type documents that break down complex data and technical information for the general public
- ∞ Experience in assessing urban natural resources, including reviewing reports related to natural resource restoration and natural resource damages assessment
- ∞ Review of dredging and disposal practices
- ∞ Review of contaminated sediment treatment technologies
- ∞ Review of model, assumptions and modeling process used by governmental agencies and potentially responsible parties
- ∞ Economic impacts of river pollution and/or impacts of river pollution on recreational use of the river

C. ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Passaic River Superfund site lies in the heart of densely populated Northern New Jersey, winding its way through nearly a dozen municipalities. Due to contamination, it is illegal to take blue claw crabs from the River and there are several fish consumption advisories in place. For many years, communities and waterfront property owners have turned their backs to the River due to pollution. Industries have closed their doors and abandoned their properties. Chain link fences line the waterfront. Because the channel has not been dredged in several years due to contamination concerns, navigational use of the River has all but dried up.

But there are signs of communities turning back to the River. The City of Newark and Essex County recently opened a new public park along the waterfront. The park includes a floating dock, which provides for the first safe, public dock in Newark in several decades. As this park, and other new waterfront parks all along the lower Passaic River, draws more people down to the water, it is imperative that the River be cleaned.

D. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit the following in the Expression of Interest (EOI):

- ∞ A statement of interest and experience (2 page maximum)
- ∞ A professional CV
- ∞ Disclosure of any actual or potential conflict of interest including any financial, personal, professional or other relationships with the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for the Passaic River Superfund site. The list of PRPs may be found here: http://www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/npl/diamondalkali/pdf/aoc_app_a.pdf and also includes Occidental Chemical Corporation and Tierra Solutions, Inc.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Submit the EOI by Friday, March 7, 5pm, via mail or email to:
Debbie Mans, Executive Director
NY/NJ Baykeeper
52 West Front Street
Keyport, NJ 07735
debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org

Next steps

Submissions will be collected and qualifying individuals and/or entities will be contacted.

E. ABOUT NY/NJ Baykeeper

NY/NJ Baykeeper was established in 1989 and its mission is to protect, preserve and restore the Hudson-Raritan Estuary, which includes the tidal portion of the Passaic River. Baykeeper is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, which has nearly 200 Waterkeepers worldwide.

Baykeeper has been actively working on the Passaic River for over a decade and its Executive Director, Debbie Mans, currently serves as the co-chair of the Passaic River Superfund CAG. Baykeeper assisted with the founding of the CAG in late 2009, along with Ironbound Community Corporation.

More information about Baykeeper may be found here: <http://nynjbaykeeper.org/>. More information about the CAG may be found here: <http://www.ourpassaic.org/>.

F. LIMITATIONS

This is a REOI only; it is not a procurement document. The information contained in this REOI is intended for information purposes only to assist interested parties in assessing whether or not to respond to such a request.

This is a request for information only and no legal obligations will arise hereunder in any circumstances. Baykeeper reserves the right to amend the scope of this REOI, and to carry out discussions with one or more prospective Respondents at any time, or from time to time. Baykeeper may proceed as it determines in its sole discretion, including to discontinue or invalidate this REOI and including to re-issue or proceed with a further REOI and Baykeeper will not be responsible for any losses or costs incurred by any Respondent as a result thereof.

Baykeeper has the right not to respond to any report or request made by a Respondent and not to distribute copies of any reports or requests received from a Respondent and responses thereto, to the other Respondents.